

# DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ENDED

## U.S. Is Asked to Officiate in Foreign Capitals

### Mobilization of the French Armies Ordered for Sunday

#### TELEPHONE AND CABLE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND ENGLAND ARE SUDDENLY INTERRUPTED

#### FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE REFUSES THE EXPLANATION DEMANDED BY GERMANY

#### British Cabinet Perfects War Plans After Long Conference—Ambassador Herrick Asked to Act in Germany's Behalf in Paris—German Ambassador Leaves St. Petersburg

#### United Press Service PARIS, Aug. 1.—At noon today was issued an order for the general mobilization of the armies of France for Sunday.

#### United Press Service FLASH—ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 1.—The formal declaration of war from Germany will be conveyed to the foreign office tonight by the German ambassador.

#### United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—The report that the German ambassador had left St. Petersburg was given out from the White House today.

#### American Ambassador Myron T. Herrick today cabled the plans made for the American ambassador to take charge of Germany's affairs in the French capital. These plans are now being considered. It was also stated in the cable that the "European reports were not favorable."

#### United Press Service PARIS, Aug. 1.—It was semi-officially stated here this morning that the German ambassador at St. Petersburg had received his passports, and was en route to Berlin. The foreign office refused to make any comment on the report.

#### At noon a News dispatch from Berlin, via London, said that German relations with Russia had been severed. The czar was given until noon to answer Germany's ultimatum, but at that time no reply had been made. Both countries are making arrangements to have their affairs handled by a neutral power. It is expected that the United States will be asked to act for both countries.

#### It is understood that the French ambassadors have been informed by Russia that the terms of the treaty between the two countries makes it obligatory on the part of France to

support Russia in case of war. When the news of the orders for mobilization reached the public the crowds went wild. The foreign office was surrounded by a wildly cheering mob.

Undoubtedly the German ambassador will ask for his passport tonight. Ambassador Herrick has been asked to act in the behalf of Germany during hostilities.

United Press Service LONDON, Aug. 1.—The French embassy here today confirmed the report that yesterday the German ambassador demanded that the French foreign office explain the intentions of France. He stated that he would call at noon today for the reply.

It was stated this afternoon that the reply of the French foreign office was that "France must consult her own interests at this time." No further information was furnished the German ambassador.

Telephone communications between France and England were suddenly cut off at 1:55 this afternoon. The cause is not explained, and it is causing much apprehension. The channel cables were at their busiest time, when they suddenly went dead at Lands End, as if the cables had been severed. It is possible that France has ordered the military operators to cut out the switchboard.

The British cabinet has perfected its war plans after a lengthy conference. It is admitted that the situation is extremely serious. The war fleet is being mobilized in the North Sea.

Under secretaries and attaches of the French, German and Russian embassies have left London, to join their regiments.

A member of the French embassy made the following statement to the United Press:

"Everything depends on England. If England will inform Germany that her navy is prepared to strike, there will be no war. Otherwise, the situation is hopeless."

United Press Service PARIS, Aug. 1.—The Germans have cut the wires on the frontier. French and Germans are awaiting the signal.

United Press Service BERLIN, Aug. 1.—The government has ordered all German shipping to go to the nearest neutral port. It is semi-officially stated that the

emperor has interrogated the French foreign office as to its intentions in case of war between Russia and Germany, and it is also admitted that the tenor of France's reply was not favorable.

United Press Service NISH, Aug. 1.—The war office admits that the Serbians are retreating along the southern bank of the River Drina, and that the Austrians are advancing. It is evidently Serbia's plan to draw the Austrians into their territory.

United Press Service ROME, Aug. 1.—Germany is bringing pressure to bear on Italy to make a statement as to her attitude. It is generally understood that Italy will remain neutral, if possible.

United Press Service LONDON, Aug. 1.—An unconfirmed report is afloat that the German ambassador, Vonschoen, has left Paris for Berlin.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—It is reported that Germany has declared war.

PARIS, Aug. 1.—The British ambassador called on Elysee and formally informed Viviani that England is prepared to stand by treaties and to co-operate with France in connection with present crisis. During the cabinet conference, Viviani explained the situation. The British ambassador said that England endorses France's position and would support her.

### BENSON DENIES NON-SUIT MOTION

#### JUDGE ORDERS TRIAL TO PROCEED AND EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES OF THE DEFENSE COMMENCED

The motion for a non-suit made yesterday by the attorneys for the defendant in the trial of Mrs. Pearson vs. Big Basin Lumber company was denied by Circuit Judge Benson and he ordered the trial to proceed.

The motion for non-suit was based on fourteen counts, among which were that at the time of Pearson's death he was not in the employ of the lumber company but was working for Charles Thomas, a contractor for the company. Also that Pearson had imperiled his life with the knowledge that he was doing so and gone into a place where he had forbidden another to go.

The evidence for the plaintiff was completed yesterday and this morning the witnesses for the defense were placed on the stand. The examination of witnesses continued throughout the day.

### YOUNG MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE

#### IN DELUGED WITH HOT OIL FROM BURSTED HOSE, BUT STREAM DOES NOT TOUCH EXPOSED PORTIONS

What might have been a serious accident for the "innocent bystander" occurred yesterday when Garrett's new spreader was being operated. A large number of people were attracted to the spot by the operation of the machine when a large hose which carries the hot oil from the tank, burst, throwing scalding oil in several directions.

One young man who was witnessing the work was struck amidships by the stream of oil, but luckily escaped with a ruined suit. If the oil had struck him in the face, the results would have been serious.

The work on Eighth street being done by the Garrett Construction company is nearing completion and the grade on Third street, which is being prepared for macadamizing by the same company, is practically established.

The asphalt mixture and oil was first put on Eighth street yesterday. A new spreading machine has been secured by Garrett and it was used in the process. It will take several days to finish up the work on this street.

On Third street the heavy blasting has practically been completed. The curbing has been put in from Main to High street and the rock which will be put on for the base is expected to arrive any day.

### CHAMBER FAVORS BETTER ROADS

#### ALBERTS AND STEELE SPEAK AT MEETING ON METHODS OF IMPROVEMENT FOR SHOWING SCENIC WONDERS

At a meeting held last night at the White Pelican by the chamber of commerce at which J. H. Alberts of Salem, a member of the executive committee of the Tri-State Good Roads Association, and Will G. Steele, superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, were guests, the following resolutions were adopted:

"The Klamath Chamber of Commerce urges you to include in the state highway trunk way road from Medford east to the national forest reserve, also a road from Klamath Falls north to the national forest reserve. Both of the named thoroughfares to connect with government roads to Crater Lake."

Talks were made by a number present, the most important by Mr. Alberts and Superintendent Steele, who talked of plans of improvement for the showing of Klamath's beauties and wonders to the outside world.

The chamber of commerce decided to give the county court every inducement possible in the building of better roads and to favor the bonding of the state for state highways.

### EXPLAINS CAUSE OF DYING CATTLE NEAR THE FORT

#### MCCALL GIVES CIRCUMSTANCES OF POISONING

Owners Had Been Warned Away From Place, But Cattle Turned in Field Through Misunderstanding; Poison Had Been Spread in Vast Quantities to Check March of the Grasshoppers.

Following the poisoning and death of twelve head of cattle from eating paris green on the old Culbertson place in Wood River Valley, the poison placed there in an effort to check the grasshoppers in the fight now being made against them by County Agriculturist McCall, and the evident intent to place the blame on his shoulders, McCall issues a statement explaining the situation.

The hoppers have done much damage and ruined several crops in that section. County Agriculturist McCall was called to help check the onslaught.

Mr. McCall states that the cattle were evidently turned into the field on account of a misunderstanding or from lack of caution by the owner to regard the warnings issued to the farmers until after a rain had minimized the danger of poisoning.

According to McCall, the cattle belonged to K. Loosley and Jack Pelton instead of James Felton, as reported.

The signed statement and explanation follows:

"Because of the death of cattle belonging to Pelton and Loosley at Fort Klamath from poison placed for grasshoppers many might be afraid

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### SWAN LAKE FIRE UNDER CONTROL

#### FIRE WARDEN CHITWOOD AND FIFTEEN MEN FIGHTING FIRE NEAR ALGOMA—MILL PEOPLE HELP IN BATTLE

A large forest fire has been burning the last few days in Swan Lake Valley and yesterday the smoke became so conspicuous in the direction of the Algoma mill that many thought the mill was being consumed.

The fire, however, is west of the Applegate ranch, and Fire Warden C. C. Chitwood has a force of fifteen men on the spot with the fire practically under control.

### MEETING OF BANKERS IS CALLED BY SECRETARY M'ADDOO TO DEVISE WAYS TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS

Greeley Sells Out E. C. Greeley, of the Greeley Plumbing company, has sold his interests in the company to his partner, C. R. McClellan, who will conduct the business. Mr. Greeley expects to leave the city soon.

Local Girl Married Frank Vincent of Merrill and Miss Bertha Slater of this city were united in marriage at high noon today by Rev. J. S. Stubbiefield at the Presbyterian manse. Mr. Vincent is a member of the tonorial trade at Merrill and Miss Slater is a local girl.

### MELONS SMASH LOCAL PRICES

#### UNHEARD-OF PRICES IN MELONS CAUSED BY ARRIVAL OF HUNDREDS OF BEAUTIES IN KLAMATH FALLS

"Jus' look at dat million melons goin' by, chile. Dat's de seventh load what's gone by here dis mornin'! I knows it."

Such was the comment heard on Main street yesterday from an erst-while black face as load after load of big, juicy, ripe, green boys which formed the biggest shipment of melons that has been received in this city this season, or for many seasons, passed up Main street.

As a result, the watermelon market is close to the margin and the "alley nigger" as well as the more aristocratic can revel in the luscious fruit.

Fifteen cents is an unheard-of price for melons in Klamath Falls, but such is the case. The weary plodder on his way home from his daily toil as well as the owner of a machine, stopped, hesitated, and then went in to purchase as the many signs suddenly put on display by local dealers have attracted their attention to the low price of the melons. Twenty-five cents purchased the largest and choicest, but fine melons with only their size against them were bought for fifteen.

The melons this year are of exceptional quality and size, and from the shipments received by the wholesalers, the quantity seems plentiful.

The Ashland Fruit Store received an entire carload of the juicy beauties Friday night, which looked like a train load when displayed in the new wholesale room, and about as many more were received by other shippers.

Catholics in Pilgrimage ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 1.—Several thousand Catholics, representing the Albany diocese, will leave here and nearby points tomorrow on a pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Anne de Beauport, Quebec. A number of clergymen will direct the pilgrimage.

#### CONGRESS LIKELY TO CONTINUE IN SESSION INDEFINITELY BECAUSE OF WAR

Stock Exchange of New York Keeps Doors Closed, But Financiers Are in Conference Concerning Situation—Much Anxiety Felt Concerning Treasure Ship Now on the Ocean With Nearly \$18,000,000

NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—No word has been received from the North German Lloyd steamship Kron Prinzessin Louise. The vessel should arrive at Plymouth on Monday, but no wireless connection with the steamer can be made. The Kronprinzessin has \$18,700,000 in gold and \$2,200,000 in silver on board.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 1.—Secretary McAdoo today called a meeting for Monday in this city of the bankers of the clearing house associations of New York, Chicago and St. Louis, to discuss methods for protecting the financial interests of this country.

It is predicted that congress will continue in indefinite session in case of war, in order to be better prepared to protect American interests.

United Press Service NEW YORK, Aug. 1.—While the stock exchange did not open this morning, there were numerous conferences among the financiers of Wall street. The export of gold will be stopped, and all steps possible taken to protect American interests.

United Press Service LONDON, Aug. 1.—Famine threatens Europe, and the prices of foodstuffs are going up rapidly. England has probably a month's supply. Prices have tumbled, and commerce is seriously hampered. Holland, Sweden and Norway, while not affected by the war, will be seriously affected by the famine.

Woman Leads Political Convention United Press Service DENVER, Aug. 1.—A new chairman of the democratic state central committee probably will be elected at the called meeting of that body which opened sessions at a local hotel today.

Mrs. Gertrude Lee, the first woman state chairman of a big political party in the United States, succeeded temporarily to that position from the vice chairmanship last spring, when chairman Geo. T. Bradley resigned.

With a new campaign coming on, a new chairman must be elected. Many predict that Mrs. Lee will be chosen to succeed herself.

"Metals" Works Vernon Metchenbacher is working temporarily in the assessor's office helping with the heavy work.